(d) whether Government would consider setting up of a Central Sanskrit University in Maharashtra?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Number of Universities in the Country

6111. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Universities in the country as on 1st April, 1994;

(b) what is the total strength of students in each such University;

(c) the Universities which do not have a regular Vice-chancellor; and

(d) what is the Policy of Government with regard to the setting up of new Universities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) According to the information furnished by AIU, there are 211 University institutions including 10 Institutions of National Importance vested with the authority to award degrees in the country as on 1-4-94.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Central Universities are established by Acts of Parliament in response to certan historical, cultural and Centre-State considerations.

Grants given to central urdu Universities

6112. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how may Central Urdu Universities are there in the country;

(b) how much grants are given to such universities; and

(c) what is being done to encourage Urdu education in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): a) At present, there is no Central Urdu University in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government constituted Taraqqui-E-Urdu Board in 1969 to advise the Government on promotion and development of Urdu Language. The recommendations of the Board are implemented through the Bureau for Promotion of Urdu. The main activities of the Bureau include publication of Urdu books and glossaries of technical terms; compilation of Urdu Encyclopaedia; provision of financial assistance to recognised institutions for activities relating to promotion of Urdu Language.

Unsatisfactory functioning of Aligarh Muslim University

6113. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the serious concern expressed by the Executive Committee of the Aligarh Muslim University Old